[27th June 1952

Government Headquarters Hospital, Ootacamund.

*2 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report in the 'Mail', dated 19th April 1952, of the proceedings of the Ootacamund Municipal Council pointing out the unsatisfactory state of the Government Headquarters Hospital, Ootacamund;

(*b*) whether the Government have called upon the Director of Medical Services, Madras, to enquire into the above and report immediately;

(*c*) who is the present Superintendent of the Government Headquarters Hospital, Ootacamund, and how long he has been in that place;

(*d*) whether there is any rule that District Collectors and other Government officers should not be kept in the same station for more than three years and that they shall be transferred once in three years; and

(*e*) whether the rule has been suspended during war time, and if so, why it has not been revived?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The municipal council's complaint is under investigation.

"(*c*) *to* (*e*) The present Superintendent of the hospital has been there from 29th September 1950, i.e., for much less than two years. If, therefore, the implication of the question was that the officer has been there for more than three years, it is wholly incorrect. The hon. Member, who is a retired Superintendent of the Health Department, should know that the so-called three-year rule is that no officer should unnecessarily be transferred within three years. It is therefore the other way about. But this too cannot always be adhered to."

Transfer of secondary schools from district boards to Government control.

* 3 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to take over the control of secondary education from the district boards;

(*b*) if so, whether any of the secondary schools have been actually taken over by the Government from the district boards;

(*c*) how many such secondary schools have been ordered to be taken by the Government during the last year and this year and what they are; and

(*d*) whether any compensation is given to the district boards for transfer of the school buildings to the Government in such cases?